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BOYCOTT MUST END.

NORMAL TRADE BEFORE END OF JULY?

COMPROMISE WITH HONOUR.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Canton, May 20.
In official and unofficial circles in Canton the feeling is growing that the Hongkong boycott not only must be brought to an end, but that the present situation will have been changed back to a basis for normal trade before the end of July—possibly sooner than that.

Canton, with a serious northern military venture on her hands, realises the necessity for putting her house in order. She wants to resume normal relations with the rest of the world, and to have, so far as possible, the sympathy and some measure of co-operation of the outside world. This, as much as a change of heart, accounts for the recent overturn against the Communists, for it was realised that the Hongkong trouble could not be settled, and that outside sympathy could not be hoped for, so long as the Nationalist Government could, with any justice, be termed "Red."

"Compromise with honour," is the way one prominent official defined the terms upon which the Hongkong situation can be ended. More specific terms could not be elicited.

Military Campaign.
The military campaign is gradually taking shape, and if the Cantonese plan can be pushed to a successful conclusion, the Southern Government will control about one-third of China before winter.

Besides the large bodies of soldiers being sent daily from Canton to Sui-kwan, Kwangsi province is sending armies northward, and Kweichow province, though not under this Government, is co-operating with men and supplies. Hunan is to be taken first, then Fukien and then Chekiang provinces. This will leave Kiangsi no choice but to come in with Canton. The Cantonese officials are also looking confidently for help from Yunnan, all local differences being forgotten in face of the peril of an advance by Wu Pei-fu.

Officials here say frankly that they had hoped to defer a test of arms with Wu Pei-fu until next year. They wanted another twelve months in which to consolidate their positions here, and in which to raise money, but Wu Pei-fu's declared policies, they say, have left them no choice except to take up the gauntlet.

Communists Aggrieved.
Meanwhile the Communists and Russians here are not accepting the Kuomintang's new policies with either meekness or satisfaction. They declare that General Chang Kai-shek is developing into another War Lord like Wu Pei-fu, that his "resolutions" against Communism were forced upon the Central Executive Committee by the presence of his soldiers, and that the Kuomintang is now merely a mask for Chang Kai-shek's personal tyranny.

For a day or two the now famous "eight resolutions" were regarded in some quarters as merely a blind to win back the alienated sympathy of the Chinese living abroad who have done so much to help finance the Canton Government, but now it is realised that Chang Kai-shek means business, and that the Kuomintang must be purged of Bolshevism.

Surprise Order.
Last night General Chang Kai-shek sprung a surprise by issuing a military order forbidding the sale of liquor in the cafes along the East Bund, and in the Flower Bond section of the city. This section, usually the refuge of criminals or the politically wary, is to be combed by soldiers. Many arrests are being made, and virtual martial law is in effect. These measures are being taken because it is said that many discontented Communists took refuge there, and tried to use that section to foment trouble against the Government.

A Plum.
To every one's surprise Sun Fo was not elected permanent chairman of the Central Executive Committee. That plum fell to Chang Ching-kang, a man little known in Canton, but long a zealous Kuomintang worker in other provinces. He hails from Chekiang, General Chang Kai-shek's own province, and his selection is taken as only another evidence of General Chang's present power.

READY FOR WAR.

CANTON AEROPLANES FOR NORTH.

HUNNAN OFFENSIVE.

Canton, May 21.

The Canton Government has decided to form a military base at Shiu-kwan (on the North River). Four aeroplanes are being sent there to reconnoitre on the boundary with Hunan province. Because General Chang Kai-shek and Dr. C. C. Wu have disfavoured the project, the rumours of a fantan monopoly have died out.

The delegates of General Tang Sang-che (the militarist who is being pressed south by Wu Pei-fu) have again been sent to confer with Canton on the offensive against Hunan. "Wah Tsz Yat Po."

An engagement is announced in London between Hubert F. Phillips, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and Miss M. Powell, daughter of Dr. Llewellyn Powell, of 10, Duke-street-mansions, W.1.

Hospital For Blind.

Now it is the Hospital For The Blind which is in trouble with the strikers. That institution refused to accede to a demand from picketers and Union leaders that the Union be paid \$2 per month for every \$10 in salaries paid to help.

Military Campaign.
The military campaign is gradually taking shape, and if the Cantonese plan can be pushed to a successful conclusion, the Southern Government will control about one-third of China before winter.

Oil Monopoly.

It is now a practical certainty that the oil monopoly will be abandoned at an early date. Day after day various Unions and merchants' organisations pass resolutions declaring the monopoly an oppressive policy, and urging its discontinuance.

Meanwhile the seizure by pickets of \$11,000 worth of Texas Oil Company oil at Kongmoon has brought about a new problem. The oil, which was American property, has been brought to Canton, and urgent representations are being made for its return or for an immediate cash settlement.

"Settle the Strike."

Ten more organisations have also passed resolutions "to settle the strike and boycott" against Hongkong by co-operative effort of workers, merchants and government. These organisations are the Peasant, Labour, Merchant and Student Co-Operative Association, the Canton City Merchants' Association, the Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Unions Federation, the Canton Merchants Federation, the Kwangtung All-Province Educational Association, All-China Central Labour Union, the Kwangtung All-Province Peasant Union, and the Worker-Peasant-Merchant-Student Union.

No Offices For Communists.

Great interest is manifested here in the official and army heads that will fall as a result of General Chang's resolutions to the effect that members of the Communist Party cannot hold office as heads of bureaus, and can no longer rank even as captains in the army—a leutentancy being the highest army rank open to a Communist here in future.

This resolution, it was announced, will be retroactive, which means great changes in the Government offices and in the army, or immediate, and wholesale resignations from the Communist Party on the part of present office holders and army officials.

It is certain that the "house cleaning" will be thorough, and in the opinion of outsiders who are careful observers, it came none too soon, for the defeat of the "Christian General" army at Peking recently was followed by a large influx of Russians and Chinese Communists to Canton, where they had expected a warm welcome.

It now develops that Wu Hon-man, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who "disappeared" from Canton ten days ago just after his return from Russia is not hiding in Hongkong, as had been reported, but is actually in Shanghai on a secret mission of great importance to the Canton Government. It is thought to have to do with finances, and with the hope that Kiangsu and Anhwei provinces will help the south against Wu Pei-fu.

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LAST YEAR'S TRADING REVIEWED.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Canton, May 21.

The 25th ordinary general meeting of Messrs. William Powell, Ltd., was held to-day. There were present: Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (chairman), Mr. F. M. Crawford (director), Mr. R. L. Bridger (director), Mr. W. A. Eustace (managing director), Mr. A. C. Howell (secretary) and Messrs. H. E. Scriven, H. Overy and G. W. Avenell (shareholders).

Mr. A. S. D. Cousland (Chairman) said:—The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure and take them as read.

Unfortunately, we were not so successful this year as last, and although there is a balance, to carry forward to the next account of \$1,431.25, this is accounted for by the transfer of \$37,000 from General Reserve. This Reserve was set aside to meet special contingencies, and your Directors feel sure that you will agree with them when they say that this is an occasion to call upon this Reserve.

The stocks of the Company are absolutely clean and have, in every case, where necessary, been depreciated to replacement cost.

Although at the end of our financial year we had an overdrawn of \$15,587.25, set off against this amount are payments in advance of \$9,991.09.

Trade depression has naturally detrimentally affected our business, in common with all others, and in face of this, I venture to think you will agree that the results of the year are satisfactory, bearing in mind the vicissitudes through which we have passed.

There are many indications of general improvement in business during the coming year, and I am confident that this Company will receive its share of the benefit therefrom. No effort has been spared to make the departments, and the store, up-to-date and the improvements in the lighting and setting out of the store have met with approval all round, as has also the alteration to our entrance.

Another point that I consider has had a detrimental effect on our sales is the blocking of the H.K.V.D.C. with a view to greater efficiency, was considered, the Government "Gazette" stated that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen (under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the General Officer Commanding) to act as an Advisory Committee in connection with the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding (Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), Chairman.

Messrs. R. M. Dyer, D. Abbey, F. R. Marsh, H. G. Hegarty, G. W. Morley.

GIRL KILLED.

SCALDED BY BOILING WATER.

POT SPILLED OVER.

In spite of medical attention, a Chinese girl (9 years of age) died at the Government Civil Hospital this morning from scald wounds caused yesterday.

She lived at the 1st floor of Lamont's Lane, in the Wan Chai district and went into the ground floor kitchen. An earthenware pot, practically full of boiling water, was spilled over her. The burns were such that she was immediately taken to hospital and she succumbed this morning.

COLONY'S FINANCES.

THE NEW YEAR BEGAN WELL.

JANUARY'S BALANCE.

The financial statement for the month of January, published in the current issue of the "Government Gazette," shows that the revenue from the 1st to 31st of January was \$1,656,210.77 against \$1,585,671.46 for the same period last year.

The expenditure for the same period amounted to \$1,324,684.12, as against \$1,646,604.00 last year.

The balance in hand at the end of January this year was \$8,455,109.52.

CINEMA INCIDENTS.

WITNESS WHO QUARRELLED WITH UNCLE.

A WORDED APOLOGY.

There was a continued hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday of summonses and cross-summonses in respect of incidents in the "Star" theatre in which Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gill, Miss M. T. de Jesus Sequira, Messrs. A. A. Barros, M. Prata, F. Prata and the Misses Beatriz and Celeste Gill are involved.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for Mr. and Mrs. Gill, put it to Miss Sequira, the complainant, that she had brought the case in order to get Mr. Gill into trouble and that she had told her friends that, as a Government servant he would get into trouble for being in a police court case.

This Miss Sequira denied and said that she issued the summons because she was assaulted. She had no idea of revenge on Mr. Gill.

Mr. Lo questioned witness as to an apology which Mrs. Gill had made when she had called on Miss Sequira. Witness admitted that Mrs. Gill made an apology and asked her (Miss Sequira) not to worry her husband. Witness, however, wanted an apology in black and white and this had not been forthcoming.

Evidence was given by Miss Beatrice Gill bearing on incidents which led up to the alleged striking of Miss Sequira by Mr. Gill. She admitted that she and Miss Sequira laughed in the course of the picture presentation, but denied that they were laughing at Mr. and Mrs. Gill or that they were kicking the seats.

Witness stated in answer to the Magistrate, Mr. J. H. B. Nhill, that Mr. Gill was her uncle but they had not been on friendly terms for some time. There are many indications of general improvement in business during the coming year, and I am confident that this Company will receive its share of the benefit therefrom.

The owners urge the restoration of the eight-hour day to reduce production costs, declaring that if this is accepted the reduction in wages will not exceed ten per cent.

Railway Agreement.

At a meeting of the Railway Companies and the Railway Unions arrangements were arrived at for the suspension of the guaranteed week, thus enabling the Companies to spread out the work and remove the post-strike difficulties.

EFFICIENCY.

PERSONNEL OF VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE.

ADVISORY POWERS.

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TACOMA MARU Sunday, 8th June.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA

PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 23rd June.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SANUKI MARU Thursday, 27th May.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Wednesday, 2nd June.

VICTORIA; SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

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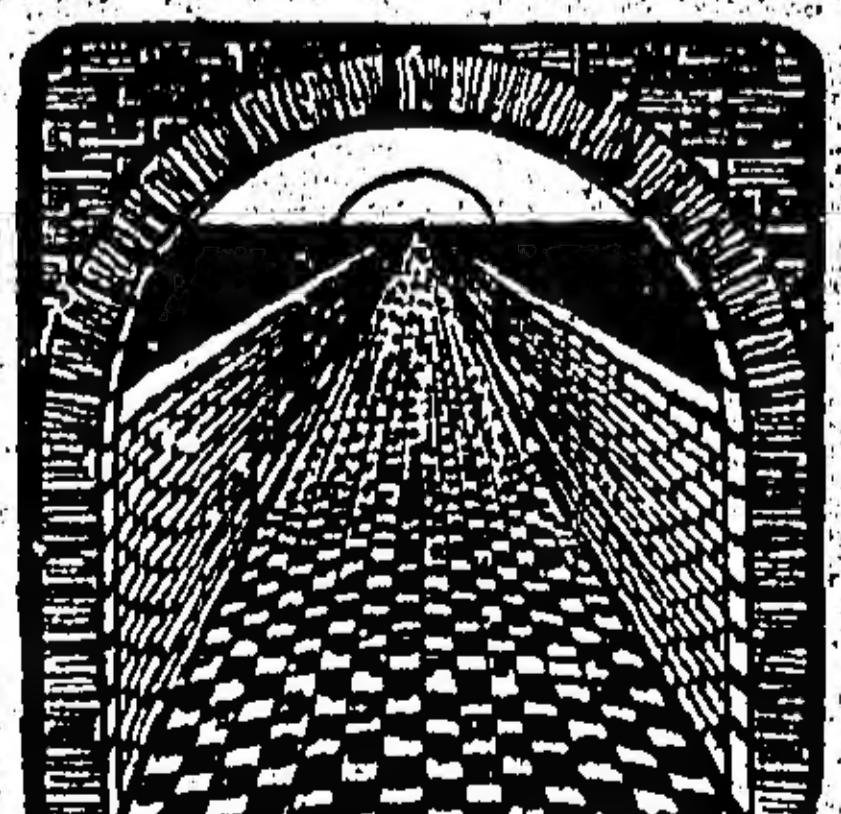
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"KENHAI"	9,114	14th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"ALDERSHORE"	5,324	16th June	Singapore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"MANJHA"	10,942	28th June	Marseilles & London
"NEWPORE"	5,318	5th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMAKA"	8,198	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"RADUA"	5,907	10th July	Miles, E'don, R'dam & A'werp
"KASHMIR"	8,285	22nd July	S'pore, Penang, Col'bo & Bombay
"RANIPURA"	16,555	24th July	Marseilles & London
"DELTA"	8,397	25th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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S. S.	TONS	FROM HONGKONG (ABOUT)	DESTINATION
"TANDA"	6,958	1st June	Manila, Thariday Island, Towns ville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,600	9th June	Manila, Thariday Island, Towns ville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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"SANTHA"	7,764	8th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KARMAKA"	9,000	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	9,000	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,906	16th June	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"TALAMBA"	8,198	20th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	9,000	15th June	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"SHIRALA"	7,541	1st July	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"ST. ALBANS"	7,541	1st July	Shanghai, Moji and Yokohama
"RANIPURA"	16,555	8th July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,397	2nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"TANDA"	9,000	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,918	10th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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NATIONAL CHRISTIAN COUNCIL

WITHDRAWAL OF THE CHINA
LAND MISSION.

THE ACTION REGRETTED.

The National Christian Council has recently received a communication from Mr. Hoste, Director of the C.I.M., in which he expresses the desire of the Mission to withdraw from the N.C.C. This communication has now been considered by the Executive Committee meeting May 11-12 in Shanghai.

The Executive Committee has expressed its sincere regret to Mr. Hoste both because the fellowship and co-operation of the C.I.M. has been much valued by members of the Council and also because it regards this action as prompted by a fundamental misconception as to the nature and functions of the Council. The Executive Committee therefore takes the opportunity of restating its conception of these.

The National Christian Council was formed in order to undertake certain duties as far as possible in behalf of all the Christian forces in China. Its constitution expressly excludes ecclesiastical and doctrinal matters. It cannot therefore take sides in theological controversy. The Executive would simply reaffirm the fact that it does not do so and will not be charged into such sectional activity. Still less can it call its members or constituent bodies to account for what any one or more of them may regard as unsatisfactory statements or actions. Each member's acts are subject to review by the ecclesiastical organisation to which he or she may belong and it is utterly impossible for the Council to assume the position of censor.

The fellowship of the Council is rooted in a frank recognition on the part of all of each other's sincerity in his profession of faith in God as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord and in his determination to follow Him unwaveringly. Within this fellowship we must "agree to differ and resolve to love." The Council would include within it the China Inland Mission and all other groups which sincerely seek to serve Christ in China. The Council refuses to be forced into any other position and has intimated to the C.I.M. that the door is wide open for their return should they so desire.

The Council is not primarily concerned with differences of opinion, however deep or sincere, which divide Christians who come from other lands to China. It does, however, hold that it is charged with a sacred duty in trying to prevent these differences from splitting the ranks of the Chinese Church. It believes that this Church may under the guidance of the Holy Spirit find its way to a unity more inclusive and more spiritually active than anything that has been achieved in Western Christianity. The Council exists to serve this Church as it moves towards a fuller expression of its own religious experience in its corporate life.

For this reason above all others, the Council regrets most deeply the action taken by missionary body, the China Inland Mission, in withdrawing from this co-operative movement.

The above statement was adopted by the Executive Committee of the N.C.C. May 13, 1926.

Economic return and returns in satisfaction are not incompatible" —Everett W. Lord.

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FROM SINGAPORE.

May 12.	J.-G.J.L.	Lomedon	Lomedon
	J.-G.J.L.	Apamor	Apamor
May 12.	J.-G.J.L.	Phoenix	Phoenix
May 12.	J.-G.J.L.	Empress of Asia	Empress of Asia
May 12.	J.-G.J.L.	Tydens	Tydens

FROM MANILA.

May 21.	J.-G.J.L.	Actor	Actor
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May 21.	J.-G.J.L.	Actor	Actor
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FROM CALCUTTA.

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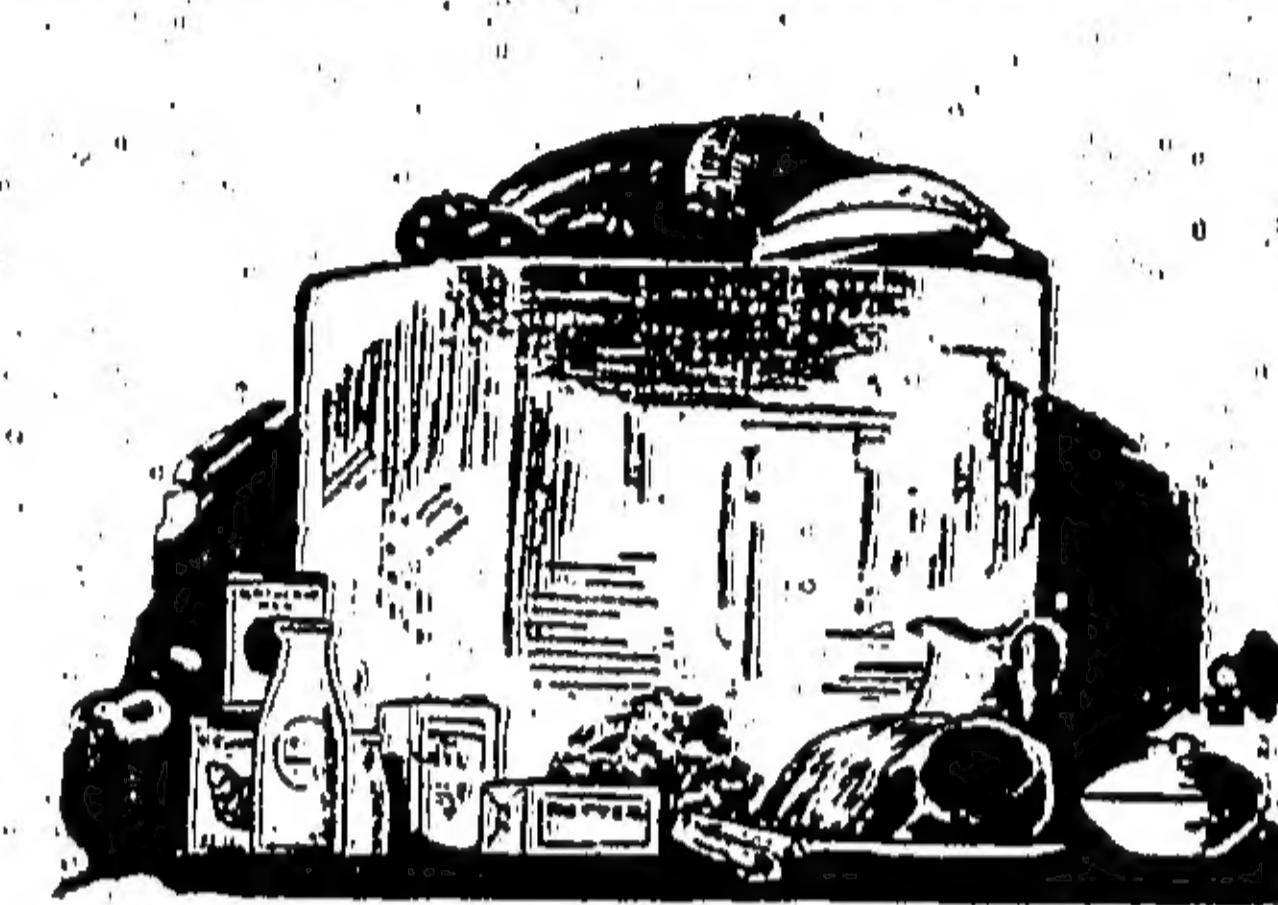
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LOCAL MEDICAL PROGRESS.

One of the basic rules for successful development of a tropic community is that progressive health measures shall keep pace with the growth of demand in that respect. If in Hongkong there is not that cohesion in the departments concerned with public health that one would like to see, the results of the devoted labours of our medical men yet provide a record of individual achievement of which they have reason to be proud. Progress in measures for the public health during the last quarter of a century has been considerable and no one has been more closely associated with such work than Dr. W. W. Pearce who is to-night to be the guest of past and present members of the Sanitary Board and Department and the Heads of other Departments, on the occasion of his approaching departure after twenty-five years of directing local health measures. Hongkong has done too good a name as regards living conditions when the position of Assistant M.O.H. devolved upon Dr. Pearce. Conditions had been such that only a few years previously five thousand persons died here in one year as a result of a plague visitation, the housing conditions and general sanitation of the City being deplorably bad at the time of the outbreak, inviting pestilence. So thorough have been the measures taken in recent years that Hongkong has been entirely free from plague since the autumn of 1923 although prior to that time a hundred or more cases had occurred in the course of each year. Whilst it would be taking a too definite view of such figures to hold that plague has permanently been stamped out in Hongkong, the measures which are being taken locally to ensure solid flooring (particularly of eating houses and other places where food is stored), also to eliminate hollow walls, ceilings, and rat runs, have doubtless played a considerable part in keeping the disease so effectively in check. Again, in the anti-malaria field much has been accomplished. The work is rendered difficult by reason of continued development in building but land has been drained and a good deal of personal supervision of land put in with a view to reducing to a minimum the possibilities of mosquito

breeding. Campaigns of community education on vaccination benefits and care of food, the latter with particular reference to avoiding typhoid, have been waged with a degree of success and experiments carried out with a view to bringing preventive measures up to date. Constant communication with other ports on health questions has been possible as a result of the League of Nations' Health Bureau. Lack in some quarters of appreciation of elementary hygienic laws is perhaps the most acute difficulty with which our medical officers have had to contend and even in quarters where responsibilities of citizenship should be realised and shouldered, our medical officers have not always had the support they should. To take very recent instances, it has been necessary to prosecute owners of dogs for not observing the very necessary regulations with regard to muzzling. The result of non-observance is that children have been bitten and two deaths from rabies are reported from the western district. Are not these instances symbolic of the attitude of many people to measures which may entail inconvenience but which have been framed with the public interest at heart? And is it not time that the general body of citizens realised more clearly their responsibility to the community in matters affecting the public health, giving considerably more assistance to that body of men who are working to the end that tropic life may in the future be no longer regarded one whit less healthy than more temperate zones? With a record behind him of twenty-five years' hard work, often in the face of apathy if not at times hostility, we feel sure that Dr. Pearce's answer to such a question, if it were put to him, would be that it is by such closer co-operation between the public and medical officers that the best hope for the future lies.

LOCAL WILLS.

ESTATE OF THE LATE MR. D. K. BLAIR.

Probate of the will of the late Mr. D. K. Blair (secretary to the Chamber of Commerce) has been granted in the Supreme Court to Mr. C. A. de Reza of Hongkong, joint executor with deceased's widow. Mr. Blair died at Home on February 25 this year, leaving \$130,800. The will was made in Hongkong in 1919 and it divides the estate among members of the family and his widow.

Probate has also been granted of the will of the late Mr. Tai Ping-nam of the Kwong-tak Cheong Shipbuilding Co., who died in 1924. He left \$498,800 which is divided among members of his family.

The late Mr. John Kintrea Grant of Crago Sanatorium, Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A., formerly of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, left \$11,391 (personal estate in Great Britain).

The annual reunion of the Victorian Diocesan Association (a Hongkong body in London) is to take place on June 2 at Victory House, Leicester-square, W.C.2, when the chairman will be Sir Frederick Lugard, a former Governor of Hongkong, and among the speakers will be Sir Claud Seven, late Colonial Secretary; H.E. the Chinese Minister, and the Rev. C. B. Shann, Warden of St. John's Hall, Hongkong University.

"POISON WATER."

DEFENCE IN POSSESSION CASE.

FOR TOOTHACHE?

At the continued hearing yesterday of charges of possession of explosives brought against Mohammed Rajah Salleh, a clerk employed in the Ordnance Department, it was mentioned that amongst the chemicals found on him was a bottle of chloroform. The absence of three bottles of chloroform from the China Dispensary as to the whereabouts of which no definite information can be given when the police made enquiries, was also referred to in the course of the case.

The "Mr. X." whose name was mentioned at the last hearing as being the man whose information and preliminary negotiations had led to the defendant's arrest was stated at yesterday's hearing to be a police informer.

Another man who played a considerable part in the supposed negotiations for the purchase of explosives gave evidence yesterday stating that he was represented to the defendant as the chief strike picket at Shumchun.

There was considerable difference between the version of witness and that of Mr. el Arculli (solicitor for the defence) as to how the talk about "poison water" started. Mr. Arculli put it to witness that he told the defendant he had toothache and that the defendant replied that he had a formula which the chemist had prepared for him for toothache. The price charged for the bottle was drawn attention to by Mr. Lindsell the Magistrate, this having been \$50. It was "rather a large amount," the Magistrate commented.

Mr. Arculli replied that defendant was supposed to be something of an expert in these things and the mixture required considerable skill to prepare.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, the Government analyst, gave evidence of the nature of the liquids and powders which had been found. Referring to one bottle he said it contained 16 ozs of pure chloroform, coming under the restrictions of the Pharamacy Ordinance.

Another contained Flyosan (an innocuous liquid), and another small bottle two ozs of chloroform. A fourth bottle contained a mixture of potassium chlorate and sulphide of arsenic.

This was a highly explosive mixture, and could be exploded either by a fuse or detonation. It would probably explode if a bottle of it was dropped.

Mr. King: Have you had a mixture like this in your hands before?—Yes. Its composition is similar to the mixture found in bombs.

Mr. Lindsell: The same as the famous race-course bombs?

Mr. King: I am not alleging that this man made the race-course bombs.

Mr. Lindsell: No, of course not.

It was stated that the mixture was similar to the bombs found in the boarding house (mentioned in a case at the Magistracy some weeks ago), Mr. Dovey adding that those also contained nitro-glycerine.

In other tins and packets were found powdered arsenic, potassium chlorate and magnesium.

Shown three formulae, Mr. Dovey said they were for the preparation of Bengal lights. Questioned about the price of the chemicals Mr. Dovey said the potassium chlorate and the arsenic would probably sell at about 75 cents a pound, 1s. to 2s. being the figure at Home.

Forty dollars for a bottle of the mixture would give a handsome profit. It was an artificial price, the mixture not being worth more than two dollars.

The hearing was adjourned until next Tuesday.

PROPERTY AUCTION.

Nos. 15 and 17, Possession Street (about 1,034 square feet, annual Crown rental \$15) were sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday after some brisk bidding.

Starting at \$20,000, bidding went to \$40,000, at which figure Mr. Cheong Shih became the purchaser.

Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade are reminded that a preliminary parade will be held to-morrow morning on the Spook-poo Recreation Ground at 9.15 a.m.

The christening of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Looker, of The Grove, Great Daddow, Chelmsford, and formerly of Hongkong, took place at Sandon Church, Essex, on April 11, the Rev. Kenneth Best officiating. The child was named Gillian Stells, and the god-parents were, Colonel F. H. D. C. Whitmore, Rear-Admiral H. L. d'Estoteville, Skirlporth, Mrs. E. J. Coles, and Miss K. Foster.

REAL ROMANCE.

FORTUNE FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Mrs. Selwyn Peabody, employed as a clerk by a Johannesburg firm, has been formally notified of the existence of a considerable fortune left him by a great-uncle, Mr. Canham Peabody, late of Leyte, in the Philippines.

The fortune was, it seems, amassed many years ago as the result of trade with the Coco-Keeling atoll and other Indian Ocean groups (as well as China sea trade).

The amount which Mr. Selwyn Peabody will probably inherit is \$15,000, and he proposes to leave within the next few weeks for Singapore and Leyte, and afterwards for London, says the "Transvaal Sunday Times."

The story related by Mr. Selwyn Peabody is that a fortnight ago he was notified by a firm of London solicitors that he had been bequeathed a considerable sum, and that he would either have to proceed to Leyte to view and deal with certain fixed property in the neighbourhood (as well as to comply with details of the will), or he would have to delegate these undertakings to a legal representative.

Mr. Peabody states that his great-uncle left London (which he hated) some forty years ago, and worked his passage on a barque to China. He had been robbed of a considerable sum when a young bank official engaged in a transfer of cash from a branch office to the city, and the matter reflected on him to the extent that he resigned his position: only to find that he could not secure another. This rankled, and greatly embittered him.

He thereupon went to sea, and eventually entered into substantial contracts with one of the Ross's descendants of the old sailor who many years ago discovered and settled on Cocos Island. The islands are now utilised largely as a cable relay station, and it was among them that the Suez-Eddi battle was fought in the late war.

Having amassed a considerable sum, Mr. Canham Peabody made a number of judicious oil and railroad investments in America, but never communicated with his great-nephew in South Africa—indeed, he did not know of his existence. In 1913 Mr. Selwyn Peabody happened to visit Durban, and witnessed an accident in the centre of the town. A reckless motorist knocked down an elderly man and passed on without rendering assistance. Mr. Peabody helped the victim to his feet and took him to his hotel—the Fern Villa. He made several inquiries thereafter and learned that the injured man, who recovered rapidly, was a namesake of his; indeed, he ultimately established the amazing coincidence that they were related, and that the convalescent was actually his great-uncle.

"I bear no love for my family," said the old man, "and I shall never go back to London. My experiences there were awful. But you have been very kind to a lonely old man, and I shall not forget you." He then took various details, addresses and so on, and finally left for the East. He corresponded with his great-nephew for a while, but ultimately dropped that. Then, a fortnight ago, proof arrived of the fact that he had not forgotten the little act of kindness done in 1913 in the Durban streets. "My great-uncle spoke to me then," said Mr. Peabody, "of his rubber interests but East, but declared that fever and shifting markets made life not worth living. He showed me with some pride, and perhaps a little bitterness, the tattoo marks made on his arms when he was before the mast; tattooing done in the South Seas."

"His chief quarrel with London was that, as he put it, it is inclined to kick a man when down, and that, he added, is why I went out of the world."

Mr. Peabody, who is not unduly elated at his good fortune, is married, and possesses a small private income.

HEROES AND HERO-WORSHIP.

There have been many arguments about the world's greatest men. Any good judge must put George Washington high on the list. What other hero is there whom we could have taken seriously after such a story as that about the cherry-tree and the little hatchet and "I can't tell a lie, pa". Even Washington has been damaged by it. The natural man is apt to smile at his sacred name, and use it profanely. We know very well that the cherry-tree is a fond thing vainly invented by the imbecility of a biographer, but the inability of the Father of his Country to tell a lie remains one of the world's jests. Why Mr. Rupert Hughes, who is an American novelist, felt it his duty to protest against the faith in the "spotless saint of school-book tradition" does not appear. The little hatchet is probably in the American school-books; but American children must be very different from ours (remarks a Home paper) if they take narratives of the little hatchet favour to heart. Still, we admire the courage of Mr. Hughes. His sense of the appropriate seems less developed. He was moved to declare George Washington a "profane, irreverent, and pleasure-loving man, a great card-player, slave-owner, whisky distiller, and champion curser." "Immortal" Mr. Hughes would not call him but was bound to remark that Washington "danced for three hours without stopping with the wife of his principal general" (this we take to be a world's record), "and never played, and consistently avoided participating in Communism." Whereas the Sons of the Revolution were naturally annoyed, and declared that young America ought to be bred up to believe in the "grandeur of the first President of the Republic." A boy is, however, not less, but more, likely to believe in the greatness of Washington if he is not also asked to believe that the hero was a plaster saint. The morality of Mr. Hughes is a great deal too moral for us. To the stern virtue which condemns a Virginian squire of the eighteenth century for doing what all the other Virginian squires were doing then we make no claim. In the course of nature Washington owned slaves, played cards, used strong drink, and swore. He was a man, not a miracle. It is far better that school-books should present the greatest of national heroes as the real men they were. But it is even more important that people should not be led into the belief that what scandal can find to say about a great man is all that matters. By all means let Cromwell be painted with a wart on his nose, but do not let us suppose the wart the important thing. The school of historic criticism to which Mr. Hughes belongs is that which insists that no man is a hero to his valet, and that what the valet thinks must be right.

NEW BULLET.

ACCURACY AND INCREASED RANGE.

A remarkable improvement in type of small arms ammunition has been made with the development of a new 30-calibre bullet which will be adopted by the United States Army as the new service bullet. The outstanding features of the new bullet are the increase in maximum range from 3,500 to 5,500 yards and increased accuracy of fire.

According to information obtained at the War Department, the new bullet, when loaded in the case, has almost the same appearance as the model now in use in the service, except as regards the colour of the metal jacket which is composed of 90 per cent. copper and 10 per cent. tin in place of the cupro-nickel jacket employed hitherto.

Examination of the uncovered bullet reveals that it is longer than the one at present used in the service, and that it has a tapered base one-quarter of an inch in length. This tapering base is accountable for its greater range. The weight of the new bullet is increased to 172 grains; the weight of the old bullet is 150 grains.

The new bullet is known as the "9 degree boat-tail bullet." The degree indicates the angle of the slope of the base, an important innovation. The bullet is fired at the same muzzle-velocity as the old model by the use of a more highly developed burning powder.

Travels Close to Ground.

The present service bullet, known as the "1918 flat base bullet," was selected from among millions of rounds of ammunition produced during the World War. The new bullet derives its increased superiority through minor technical changes, though it is of the same type.

The accuracy of fire of the new bullet is said to be as great as that of the old bullet is at a distance of 500 yards. The new bullet is regarded by authorities as particularly valuable for rifle and for long range machine gun barrages, because it travels closer to earth thus increasing its effectiveness.

Credit for the development of this new type of ammunition is given to the Frankford Arsenal. That plant is able to supply the new type of bullet on a quantity basis by mass production methods.

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 1926.

FRANC SUPPORTED.

DECISION OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

SUCCESSFUL ACTION.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Paris, May 21.

The Government's action to support the franc, which resulted in a rise in the franc on New York, was the decision to create a central clearing office to take charge of forward foreign exchange dealings. The clearing office is to take the form of a joint stock company, wherein shareholders will be banks recognised by bankers and official brokers and certain industrial groups.

The "Echo de Paris" says that prominent American and British financiers appear to be willing to co-operate cordially with France in the latter's venture confidence at home and among the possessors of French capital abroad in such a way that the latter may be induced to bring back wealth to France.

Vital Date Weathered.

Paris, May 21.

The financial situation was discussed by the Council of Ministers, M. Peret, Finance Minister, announced that the Treasury had satisfactorily weathered Thursday—the date on which several millions of Treasury Bonds were due for repayment.

M. Briand, the Premier, and M. Peret afterward conferred with the Governor of the Banque de France, after which M. Peret announced that the agreement between the Government and the Banque de France was never broken in spite of insinuations to the contrary. They were considering new methods of restoring the franc, and the pourparlers were progressing satisfactorily. The Banque de France had resolved to support the Government until the franc was victorious.

Beneficial Result.

London, May 21.

Mr. Pelet's promised measures have reacted favourably, the French franc in London closing at 149.75. The Belgian franc sympathetically improved to 149.25.

Optimistic.

Paris, May 21.

M. Peret, in the course of a statement after his conference with M. Briand and the Governor of the Banque de France to-night, remarked that the recovery of the franc was made without appealing for foreign aid. They hoped that the improvement would become more marked.

The offensive launched by the Government to improve the value of the franc was directed by Lazarus Brothers, who were offering dollars and sterling in unlimited amounts. The selling chiefly took place in Paris and New York.

Confirmation.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Paris, May 21.

Drastic measures are contemplated by the Government for the improvement of the franc, chiefly the creation of a clearing house for all transactions involving foreign exchanges.

CIVIL WAR.

MISSILES FALL ON SHIPS AT CHUNCKING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, May 21.

Mr. Wang Hui-ching has restored to the owners the Han-chu property in the suburbs of Peking which Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang turned over to his brigadiers so that the rents would serve as pensions for incapacitated Kuomintang troops.

The confiscation of these properties, it is said, left many Manchus without means of livelihood.

A message from Chunking says fighting broke out on the 18th inst., between General Yang Sen's Szechuanese and the Kweichow Army under General Ying Tsu Min. The former emerging from the mountains opposite the city, crossed the river and initiated an attack, but retreated when the Kweichow forces were reinforced.

On the following day fighting was still proceeding. Between 20 and 25 missiles fell on steamers at Chinkiang. Marines were landed to protect the Japanese Consulate.

GREAT FIRE.

NICARAGUAN TOWN NEARLY DESTROYED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Managua, May 21.

The town of Matagalpa, centre of the coffee-growing region, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

RELEASED.

AMERICAN CAPTAIN NOW FREE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, May 21.

The American Consul at Yunnan telegraphed on the 19th inst., saying that the local Governor had received a telegram reporting that Captain Betts had been released.

[According to a previous report Captain T. J. Betts, American Language Officer, who is touring the provinces for language purposes, was captured by bandits on the 17th inst., near Lai-Tou-po. Captain Betts belongs to the American Coast Artillery, and is well known in Peking, where his wife and mother reside. It appears that Captain Betts left Peking in March on a mission he voluntarily undertook for the famine Relief Commission, in connection with the organisation of a new committee in Yunnan. On May 1 he telegraphed to Peking, stating he had completed his task, and intended to go overland to Chinkiang, where he expected to arrive on June 7, instead of returning to Hanoi by rail. "No word of him had since been heard. Of splendid physique, Captain Betts was a conspicuous figure in Peking. He was born in Newchwang and speaks Chinese unusually well.]

ABD EL KRIM FLEES.

FRENCH TROOPS PROGRESSING FURTHER.

(Reuter's Agency.)

Fez, May 21.

While the Eastern Sector is consolidating the positions recently occupied the French have started in the Middle Sector another advance. They progressed twelve kilometres.

Abd el Krim, abandoned by the Beni-Abiels, has fled westward.

HAPPY ENDINGS.

WHY WOMEN LIKE THEM.

"I hope it will end happily," sighs Maud as the second act of the play closes upon a puffed audience. John smiles, but he need not be superior. Woman wants her plays and novels to end happily because she likes them to be true to life. More realistic and less sentimental than man, she sees things far clearer and sees them whole. She knows that in real life the happy note is struck more often than not.

Man is more obsessed by ideas than personalities. He drops into a theatre or dips into a novel to obtain either a mental stimulus or a release from life's boredom. In either case he is but an interested spectator.

With a woman it is different. Whether the drama is played behind the footlights, between the covers of a book, or in real life, she is not content to be merely an onlooker; she must take the stage. Unconsciously she assumes the principal role, and in bearing the heroine's sorrows and sharing her joys undergoes an emotional stress which can scarcely bear an unhappy ending.

A rare and delightful possession, this of woman's, given to but few men. It enables her to live her wedding day all over every time she sees a happy couple at the altar, or sitting at the fireside with a book, to match from time sweet memories of days long past.

Among "highbrows" it is now customary to sneer at happy endings. But to accept them requires only a reasonable degree of faith, a quality which separates us from the brute creation and shields its possessor from the rot of self-distrust.—"Daily Mail."

A rehearsal of the parade which is to take place on June 3 at Happy Valley was held yesterday. The Punjabis and the Indian battery were brought across the harbour on the Hongkong Yau-mai ferry company's vessels, from Holt's Wharf.

Among the many wreaths deposited on Primrose Day (April 19), on Disraeli's statue in Parliament-square was a large shield of primroses, with the famous phrase, "Peace with honour," worked out in purple, from the representatives of the late Mr. R. E. Bellioli, Hongkong.

GREAT FIRE.

NICARAGUAN TOWN NEARLY DESTROYED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Managua, May 21.

The town of Matagalpa, centre of the coffee-growing region, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

LOCAL SHARES.

REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK.

Moxon and Taylor, in their weekly share report dated May 21, state:

We have had a quiet market during the past week but the under-tone is steady, sellers showing little disposition to accept lower prices.

Shanghai market remains steady. The following are the principal alterations since last week:

Banks.—Continue in good demand and have risen to a buying rate of \$1,100.

Unions.—Have been a steady market and are wanted at \$288.

Canal Insurances & Hongkong Fire.—Are firm and wanted at quotations.

Hongs.—Continue in good demand closing with buyers at \$10,40.

Electricities.—Are steady and are wanted at \$644.

Trams.—Are rather easier and have come to business at \$23½.

China Sugars.—Are acquired for and could be placed at \$24½.

China Lights.—Are in more demand, buyers paying \$184 for the Old and \$92 for the New, after coming to business at \$14 and \$10.

Steamboats.—After coming to business at \$24½, close with buyers at this price without attracting sellers.

Lands.—Are firm and are wanted at \$62.

Humphreys.—Could probably be placed at \$14½.

Cements.—Are steady with more enquiry.

Wharves.—After coming to business at \$128, are wanted at \$126½ without attracting sellers.

Hongkong Docks.—Are nominal and few if any share changed hands.

Star Ferries.—Are on offer at \$62½.

Dairy Farms.—Have been more or less neglected.

London Quotations of the 20th instant:

Banks \$216. Indes. Deferred \$25 10s. Shells \$4 13s. 9d.

All middle prices.

Exchange.—Demand rate on London is 2/213-18 and T/T on Shanghai is Tls. 76%.

Subject to confirmation the Peak Tramways Co. Ltd. have declared a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 25,000 fully paid up shares, a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 48,656 shares, \$5 paid up, \$1 per share paid up for 6 months, \$6 per share paid up for 6 months) and a dividend of 10 per cent. per annum on 1,325 shares \$1 paid up, payable on May 28, 1916.

The transfer book of the Company will be closed from May 24, 1926 to May 31, 1926.

WASPS' WINGS.

MANUFACTURE OF NEW "SILK."

Two German professors at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institute in Dahlem, a suburb of Berlin, have applied for a patent for an invention which they believe is destined to play an important part in the textile industry.

They claim to have invented a method of using the heads and wings of various insects, such as cockroaches, wasps, locusts, and beetles, as well as the shells of crabs and other crustacea, for the production of a new substance containing chitin. This material, on the addition of certain chemicals, can be spun into a fine thread by a process similar to that employed in the manufacture of artificial silk. This new thread is said not only to have a sheen and fineness equal to that of silk, but also to be exceedingly pliable and far stronger than silk.

This discovery would be of little practical value if the manufacturers of the new material had to depend on the somewhat limited supply of the insects in question. The two professors state, however, that they have already discovered a substitute for the beetles' wings in the form of a material which is obtainable in inexhaustible quantities in nature, and at a low price.

They decline to reveal the nature of this substance until the patent rights have been fully secured. The Kaiser Wilhelm Institute, already famous for its numerous inventions in the realm of poison gas, hopes, by this discovery in the field of textile research, to win new laurels in more peaceful spheres of industry.

WIDOWS' HOUSE ROBBED.

A Chinese widow, living at No. 222, Queen's Road Central, lost \$720 in money and jewellery on Thursday night, somebody entering her flat by the skylight. The theft was reported yesterday.

A Chinese woman, employed by the Sang Lee contractors at Third Street was assaulted by two men yesterday. He was taken to hospital, and the others to the police station.

CHINA CUSTOMS.

FATE OF THE CONFERENCE.

According to the "Hochi," a view is gaining ground among the delegates of the Powers attending the Conference in favour of the cessation of the Conference, in view of the very uncertain and indefinite political situation now prevailing in Peking. It is contended by many that now that the Tuan Administration, which was recognised by the Powers, has fallen and there is considerable uncertainty as to whether a stable Government will be organised in the near future, it is best to put an end to the Conference and let the delegates of the Powers go back to their respective homes. The future relations between Marshals Wu Pei-fu and Chang Tsao-jin, the two pre-eminent leaders in Peking politics at present, are regarded with much apprehension, and the existence of 100,000 adherents of the Kuomintang still watching for an opportunity to secure power is also deemed a very disquieting factor in Peking politics. At the outbreak of the hostilities between the Kuomintang and the Mukden forces, the "Hochi" recalls, the Italian delegate suggested that the Conference should be broken up, and another suggestion of the same purport was made by the French delegate, when these hostile forces came into a severe clash at Yantze some time afterwards. This suggestion was discredited by the Japanese and American delegates, who pointed out that if the Conference was discontinued then all hopes for its resumption would be well-nigh gone. They also contended that although the hostilities went on vigorously, the Tuan Government continued to function.

On April 20, the "Hochi" understands, the British delegate, acting under instructions from his home Government, brought forward another proposal urging the suspension of the Conference, and the American delegate signed his agreement. This led the Japanese delegate to modify his attitude somewhat. At a meeting of the Japanese, British and American delegates on April 24, the "Tokyo Journal" says, it was formally agreed that the delegates of the Powers should meet to the exclusion of the Chinese delegates to discuss the subjects which were still unsettled, and the decisions arrived at should be submitted to a new Chinese Government, when it was formed, for acceptance. In the event of these decisions not being accepted by the Chinese Government, it was further agreed, the Powers should break up the Conference and those delegates who are not appointed from among the diplomatic representatives in Tokyo should return to their respective homes. These informal decisions have been wired by the Japanese, British and American delegates to their home Governments for approval. The "Hochi" adds that the visit of the American Ambassador to Tokyo to Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, on April 26 was evidently in connection with this matter.—"Japan Chronicle."

"Keep busy to keep business." John E. White.

"Some of the scaffolding, on part of the Hongkong Hotel damaged by the fire on New Year's Day, was blown down about 4 p.m. yesterday. Fortunately no passenger or wheel traffic was "in range." Beyond causing a temporary obstruction, there was no trouble.

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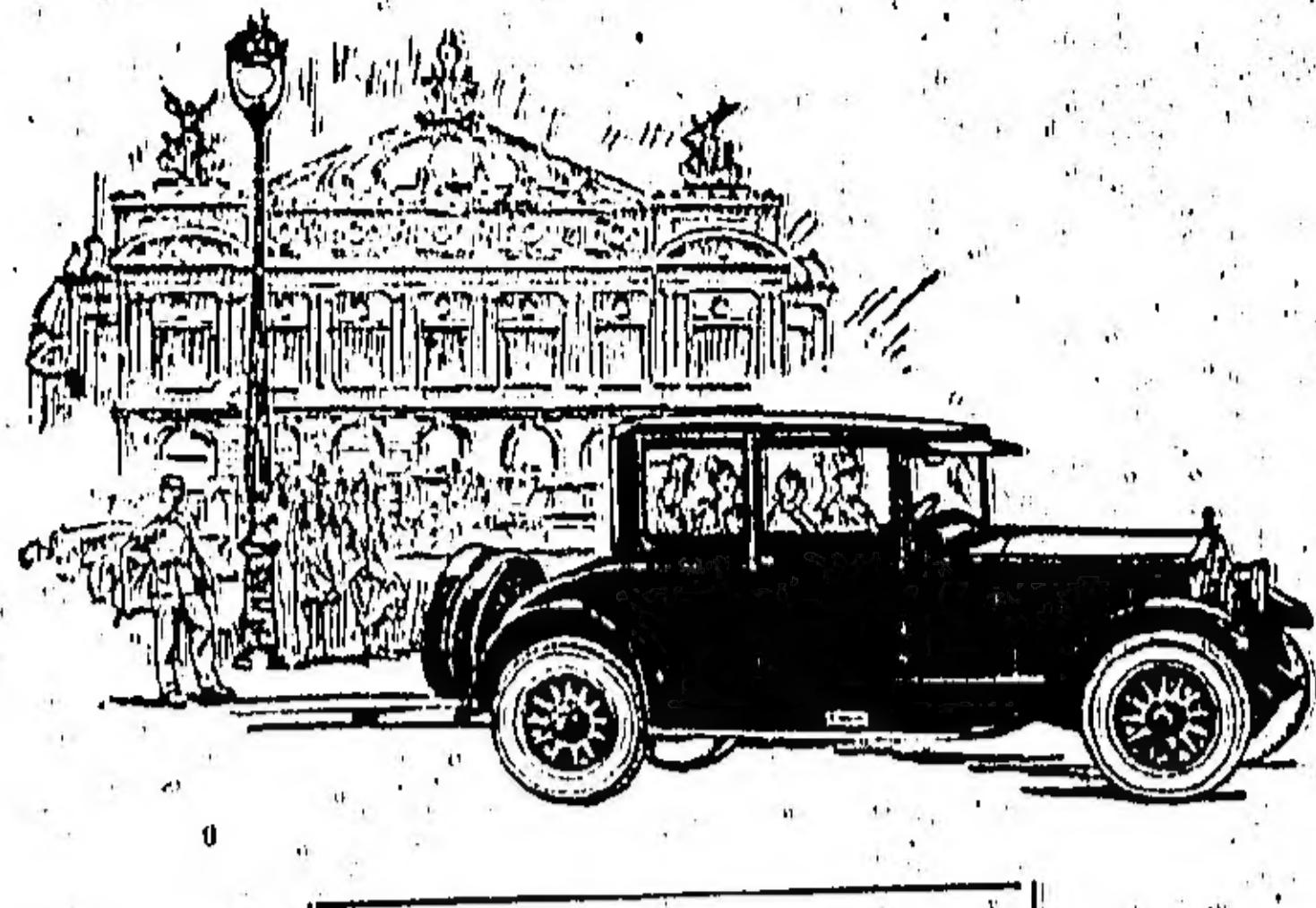
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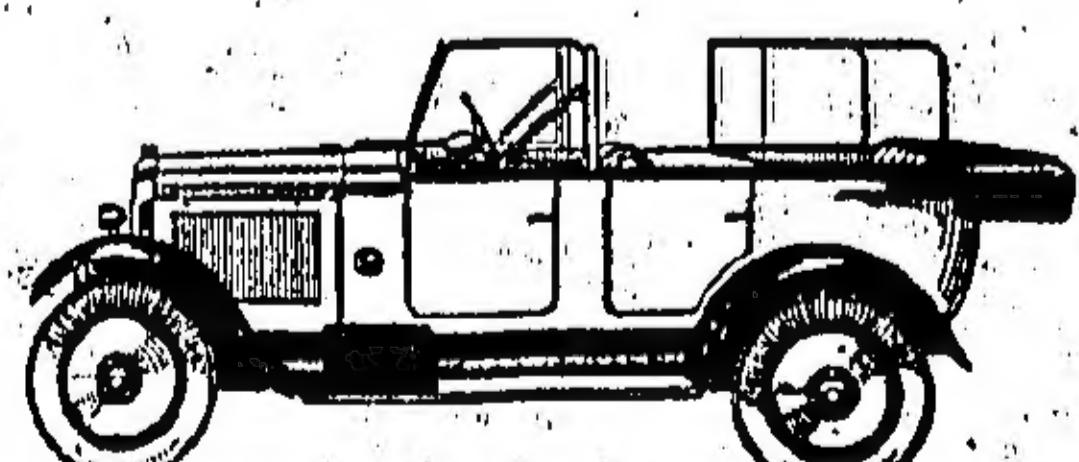
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Racegoers are reminded of the "Fanning Hunt" steeplechase meeting on Monday. Particulars and train times are given in the advertisements.

Mr. Verhomal Shewaram, the proprietor of Messrs. Verhomal Shewaram & Co. and the Pioneer Silk Store, is due to arrive in the Colony from India by the s.s. "Coblenz" to-morrow on a pleasure trip to China and Japan.

If the famous original Siamese twins had lived they would have grown into two beautiful women, according to Dr. Ludwig Heukelom, of the New York McCormick Institute. In Hygeia he publishes, for the first time, a record of the first post-mortem which was made to discover whether the single body had two souls.

Tokyo, May 12.—Superstition, which still prevails in the rural districts of Japan, caused Sajujiro Hamada, fisherman of Toyama Prefecture, to be fumigated to death by his wife. Hamada was suffering from mental affliction and his wife thinking him possessed of the devilish "Fix Spirit," bound him while he slept, and subjected him to a thorough fumigation with sulphur fumes. The man was succumbed.

Mr. Harry Burge, an old-age pensioner, of Milk Street, Bath, owes his life to the pluck of a blind man named Sawyer, who sells postcards outside the abbey. The blind man, calling on Burge, found the room full of smoke. He groped round and discovered the old man lying, insensible, with his clothes and hair on fire. Sawyer summoned help, but he had partially beaten out the flames himself when assistance arrived.

Rather a heavy penalty was imposed on a Chinese chauffeur in the Shanghai Mixed Court when Cheng Ts-sing was sent to prison for twenty-one days. The evidence against the accused was that he had failed to obey a traffic signal and collided with a cyclist, and after the accident drove away without waiting to see the result of the accident. The accused said that a funeral was passing at the time and after it had passed he did not see the signal against him and drove on as the road was clear. The accident to the cyclist, with whom he collided, apparently did not matter and the sentence of the Court was 21 days.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Capt. J. McAllister is leaving the Bangkok pilot service to join the Singapore pilot service. He is the fifth skipper from Bangkok to join the latter service, the others being the late Capt. Gray, the late Capt. T. Robinson, Capt. G. D. Rushton and Capt. E. A. Shepherd.

In his annual report the British Resident of Pahang records that a discovery of considerable historical interest was made at Pahang Tua in 1925. This was the finding of the tomb of Muhammad Shah the first Sultan of Pahang. The inscription on the tombstones marking his grave gives the date of his death as the 13th Jamed Al Awal 1880 A.H. which corresponds with September 17, 1475 A.D.

The "Times" of April 15 publishes the Easter Term results of the Inns of Court bar examination, and among them are two Malayan successes. Mr. Khoo Teck Eu, of the Middle Temple, son of Mr. Khoo Keng Hooi, of Kuala Lumpur, has come out ninth in the list of 62 passes in the second class—a creditable performance. Tunku Abdul Rahman, of the Inner Temple, son of H.R.H. the Yang di-Puan Besar of Negri Sembilan, has gained a second-class in Roman Law and a third-class in Criminal Law and Procedure.

By the Blue Funnel "Patroclus" there left Singapore Mr. F. G. E. Williams, who severs his connection with the Municipal electrical department after fourteen years' service in Singapore. Mr. Williams, whose cheery personality and wide popularity are well-known, carries with him the good wishes of a host of friends especially those connected with the work of the Church of England in that Settlement. During his term here, says the "Free Press," Mr. Williams has been a keen volunteer, a member of the Cathedral choir, house master of St. Andrews' where he did an excellent work amongst the boys—Sunday School teacher, Secretary of the C.E.M.S. and member of the Parochial Council, bringing to each energy and enthusiasm. The Choir met at a farewell tennis party given by the Archdeacon, at which occasion was taken to bid Mr. Williams farewell and to present him with a gold wrist watch.

The inhabitants of Kampong Batimbang have called in the help of the police against the hordes of gray apes which have killed three children within two days, says a Medan report of May 5.

Tokyo, May 10.—A Selyuhonto party member was arrested to-day at Osaka. This followed upon the public given to the Osaka licensed quarters scandal. Reports say the Selyuhonto received thirty thousand yen bribe through the hands of Mr. Takami.

With the replanting in the past winter of a wood burned down near Fochabers, Scotland, seven years ago, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon completed a ten years' scheme in which 1,000 acres in the vicinity of Gordon Castle have been planted with 5,000,000 young trees.

Malaria has been on the increase in Kuala Lumpur lately, and the public should be particularly careful about time coconut shells, or anything that may contain stagnant water. Bowls in which stand the legs of the insects can harbour larvae unless disinfectant is added, or the water changed frequently.—Good advice for either Kuala Lumpur or Hongkong.

A dog worth \$12 an ounce of his weight—which was 2½ lb.—was one of the leading features of the open show of the French Bulldog Club of England, which was held at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster. This valuable exhibit was a papillon or butterfly dog, named Piccolo de Flandre, and was shown by a London woman, Mrs. L. H. Stratton. Piccolo is not quite three years old, but has already won two challenge cups and forty-four first prizes.

The construction of a three-mile tunnel underneath the Kunmen Strait, connecting Kyushu with the mainland of Japan, is to be started in all probability in 1927, according to a tentative announcement by the Railway Office. The cost is estimated in the neighbourhood of \$20,000,000. This tunnel was originally planned to be driven at an estimated cost of \$15,000,000 some years ago, but the great Kantō catastrophe of 1923 proved a severe setback to the project. But inasmuch as the daily freight carried across the Strait amounts to 5,000 tons, representing 400 carloads, the Railway Office has decided that the time is ripe for expediting the work.

A conference of Japanese Consuls at Yangtze ports to discuss some important questions relative to the revised Chinese tariff, is being held at the local Japanese Consulate-General.

Submarine XI, the largest vessel of her type in the world, a submersible cruiser with a surface displacement of 3,800 tons, has left Portsmouth for Gibraltar, and will probably extend her cruise half-way round the world. This trip is no doubt the first stage of an experimental voyage similar to that carried out to Singapore and back by submarine K26 in 1924, and will extend to about 20,000 miles.

Charged with circulating false rumours tending to injure the credit of the Oriental Cotton Mill and Chan Liang-chung, and with inciting persons to commit a breach of the peace, two editors, Ching Chien-ho and Chen Poo-lai, appeared at the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on May 14. Messrs. H. D. Rodger, A. M. Preston, P. Prent and Govey appeared for the accused. The accused were remanded for one week for the police to appear to prosecute.

Chinese students once more find themselves in conflict with the Minister of Education. The latter has issued an order prohibiting dramatic performances in schools, complaining that the students have turned themselves into actors and actresses, and oftentimes converted the school into a theatre. They take pleasure in exhibiting themselves as men or women before the public, and "teasing each other" and quarrelling. This is against the regulations, says the Minister, and in future if his prohibition order is disregarded, the principal of the school will be held responsible.

Progress has already taken many secular liberties with the river Jordan, and now Lord Plumer has signed a concession for the harnessing of its waters for electric power. If the old rivalry still survives, it may, at least, count one up on Abana and Pharpar. Or it may be the other way. In these days of increasing domination over nature, it is difficult for us to recover the old idea of a river as a wild creature with a life of its own, impudent of interference, and resenting even the "indignity" of a brigade. If a bridge is an affront, what is an electric power station but abject slavery?

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Hankow, May 8.—The German community sustained a loss under tragic circumstances in the early hours of Wednesday morning in the person of Mr. G. Scheithauer, son of Mr. H. Scheithauer, a valued servant of the Kallees Ging Tse. It appears to be one of those inexplicable mysteries of the personal value of human life, sacrificed for a mere trifles through inability to face moderation and kindly censure. Young Scheithauer seems to have mixed himself up with somewhat undesirable company and to have run into debt and rather than go to the natural source for the solution of his difficulties he took his own life with a revolver.

"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

THE AUSTRALIANS.

CAMBRIDGE 2nd INNINGS COLLAPSE.

BUT MATCH DRAWN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cambridge, May 21.

The match between the University and the Australians was left drawn. Third day's play:

Warm weather with sun, wicket tricky.

Position at start:—Cambridge (1st) 212 (Enthoven 98, Dawson 60; Ryder 6 for 74). Australians (1st) 165 for 4 (Woodfull 64 not out).

The Australians (1st innings) realised 235 runs. W. M. Woodfull made 98 not out, batting four hours.

TURF REQUEST.

WILL JOCKEY CLUB STEWARDS PLEASE NOTE?

PADDOCK FACILITIES.

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Sir,—I admit that there is no room and the best has been done but I would like to vent a grouse about the race course, by courtesy of your newspaper.

Only the owners, trainers, officials, jockeys and stable boys are allowed inside the paddock. Those in the members' enclosure can walk up to the paddock fence.

In the public ring one cannot see the ponies before going out on the course, by which time the tote will have closed. The drawing for places is only posted up inside the

COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY BEATEN AT THE OVAL.

SURPRISE RESULTS.

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Surrey lost to Sussex at the Oval, mainly owing to batting by the Gilligan brothers and bowling by Tate. (A. E. R. Gilligan was, of course, the last England captain, but his bowling has been impaired by an injury. Otherwise he would very likely be skipper again).

From the results cabled overnight by Reuter, it seems that Surrey collapsed in the first innings and made a fairly good try in the second. Surrey's lack of stock bowlers must have been plainly evident.

NOW WE KNOW:

Tit-bits in last Saturday's local "rugger international." H.M.S. "Durban" provided several of the winning team.

NOW THAT THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL IS OPEN IT WAS POSSIBLE TO PLAY THE RUGBY MATCH BETWEEN ENGLAND & WALES AND SCOTLAND & IRELAND

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ONCE THE SCOTCH & IRISH TEAMS HAD LEARNT EACH OTHER'S LANGUAGE

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING SO JOIZZ ABOUT?

THE SCOTCH & IRISH TEAM CONSTRUCTED A NAVAL BASE HAVING A LOT OF NAVAL PEOPLE IN IT

AND IT WAS WHILST ENGLAND & WALES WERE BEING PUSHED SOMEWHERE INTO THE NEW TERRITORIES THAT

FOGERTY SCORED

AND LATER THOMAS WENT BACK OVER THE BORDER AND SCORED ANOTHER ONE

THIS MADE H.M.S. DURBAN FAIRLY JUMP FOR JOY

and hitting 8 fours. R. J. O. Meyer took 8 wickets for 65 runs.

Cambridge (2nd) 81 runs. C. G. Macartney took 4 wickets for 21 runs. G. V. Grimmett 6 for 28.

Australians (2nd) 17 runs for 2 wickets, when stumps were drawn.

There were 4,000 spectators to-day.

LADY TENNIS PLAYER.

Mrs. W. Lock Wei, a tennis player of note and the wife of the captain of the Chinese tennis team in the Davis Cup, reached Shanghai by the "President Madison" last Saturday. Mr. Wei is now in America, competing in a number of matches this summer, says the "China Press".

[Note: Mr. W. Lock Wei (or Wei Wing-lok), learned his tennis first in Hongkong and has played there very often. He is a son of the late Sir Boshin Wei Yuk.]

paddock gate. So that those who can go inside will know who has drawn the rails, or outside berth, or where the favourite is. This is an advantage. Cannot lists be posted up in both enclosures as well? It would only mean that embryo copies would have to be made. Will the Jockey Club consider this request for the next meeting?

I suppose all hope of getting an up-to-date totalisator, has been abandoned till things are better in the Colony generally, but we just live on in hope.

Yours, etc., FIVE BUCKS.

Hongkong, May 21.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

The net proceeds of the charity football match organised by Mrs. Luard, the President of the Military Branch of the Ministry League, realised \$900.

THISTLE, SHAMROCK v. ROSE, LEEK RUGGER TEAM.



Photo by K. Fujiyama.

Above are the opposing fifteen in last Saturday's international rugby match at King's Park to open the H.K.R.F.C.'s new ground at Kowloon. The "Blue" won by 2 tries (6 points to nil). Teams:

England and Wales (white):—E. R. A. Rippington; C. Skinner, A. C. L. Bowker, A. S. Hett, G. P. Lamont (capt.); C. D. Wales and B. S. Stephenson; H. Foster, R. W. Lee, Lt. M. B. Sherwood, V. R. Jones, Lt. Com. W. E. Green, S. N. Garrard, A. B. Acott, Pay. Lt. J. A. Hussey.

Scotland and Ireland (blue):—Stoker Churchward, L. Nicholson, Eng. Com. Mackintosh (capt.), E. R. A. Thomas, A. B. Forgeray, A. B. Ball and J. A. D. Morrison; Shipwrights, P. H. R. Forsyth, R. Miller, E. R. A. Hodges, E. R. A. Johns, Idg. Stoker Jeremiah, W. Beveridge, Idg. Stoker Whetell.

EPSOM DERBY.

COLORADO LEADS IN THE BETTING.

LATEST "BAROMETER."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, May 21.

Betting on the Epsom Derby (1½ miles, June 2) is as follows:—Colorado 5/2 offered, 8/1 taken. Coronach 7/1 (t. & o.). Lex 9/1 (t. & o.). Apple Sammy 100/7 (t. & o.). Roschearty 100/6 (t. & o.). Swift and Sure 20/1 (t. & o.).

STEEPLECHASE "BETS."

At the Farning steeplechase meeting on Monday, tickets on the cash sweep will be at \$1 each instead of \$5. On the pari-mutuel, ordinary tickets will also be \$1 each, except in the "double event" totalisator, where chances will be \$5 each "double."

It is also hoped to announce the scratchings from each event before racing begins.

NEW BOXING CHAMPION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Scranton, May 21.

A coal miner named Pete Latzo, won the world's welterweight boxing championship, defeating Mickey Walker (on points) in ten rounds.

weather in the first week or two, and have dropped points. The check on Surrey and Middlesex gave the way to Yorkshire becoming champions again this season. Details follow:—

Surrey v. Sussex.

At the Oval, Surrey lost to Sussex by 92 runs. Scores:—

Surrey (1st) 231 runs. A. H. H. Gilligan (brother of A. E. R.) made 74, and A. E. R. Gilligan made 62.

Surrey (1st) 185 runs. Tate took 4 wickets for 40 runs.

Sussex (2nd) 283 runs. A. E. R. Gilligan made 110 not out. P. G. H. Fender took 7 wickets for 86 runs.

Surrey (2nd) 287 runs. Sandham made 70, Shepherd 50; Tate 7 wickets for 90 runs.

Middlesex v. Hants.

At Lord's, Middlesex lost first innings points to Hampshire in a drawn match. Scores:—

Middlesex (1st) 303 runs for 9 wickets, declared. Hearne (J. W.) made 161 not out.

Hants (1st) 450 runs. Newman made 134. R. A. Aird 63, Mead 74, C. P. Bruton 88.

Middlesex (2nd) 197 runs for 5 wickets. Hender made 61 not out and F. T. Mann 60 not out. Lanes v. Leicester.

At Liverpool, Lancashire beat Leicestershire by 188 runs. Scores:—

Lancs (1st) 256 runs. Tyldesley (E. B.) made 55.

Leicester (1st) 130 runs.

Lancs (2nd) 202 runs for 2 wickets, declared. Makepeace made 101 not out.

Leicester (2nd) 190 runs.

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The table now stands:—

Pl.	Pos.	Pl.	No.	Won	Lst.	1 ins.	Pis.	Obtd.	Rsl.	Perc.
Kent	1.	1.	0.	0	0.	5.	0.	100.00		
Yorkshire	2.	5.	3.	0.	1.	20.	18.	1.	90.00	
Lancashire	3.	6.	2.	0.	2.	20.	16.	2.	80.00	
Middlesex	4.	3.	2.	0.	0.	1.	15.	11.	0.	73.33
Notts	5.	5.	2.	0.	2.	0.	25.	17.	1.	66.67
Surrey	6.	5.	2.	1.	1.	0.	20.	13.	1.	65.00
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Leicestershire	15.	4.	0.	0.	2.	0.	10.	0.	2.	2.00
Northants	16.	3.	0.	0.	3.	0.	0.	15.	0.	0.
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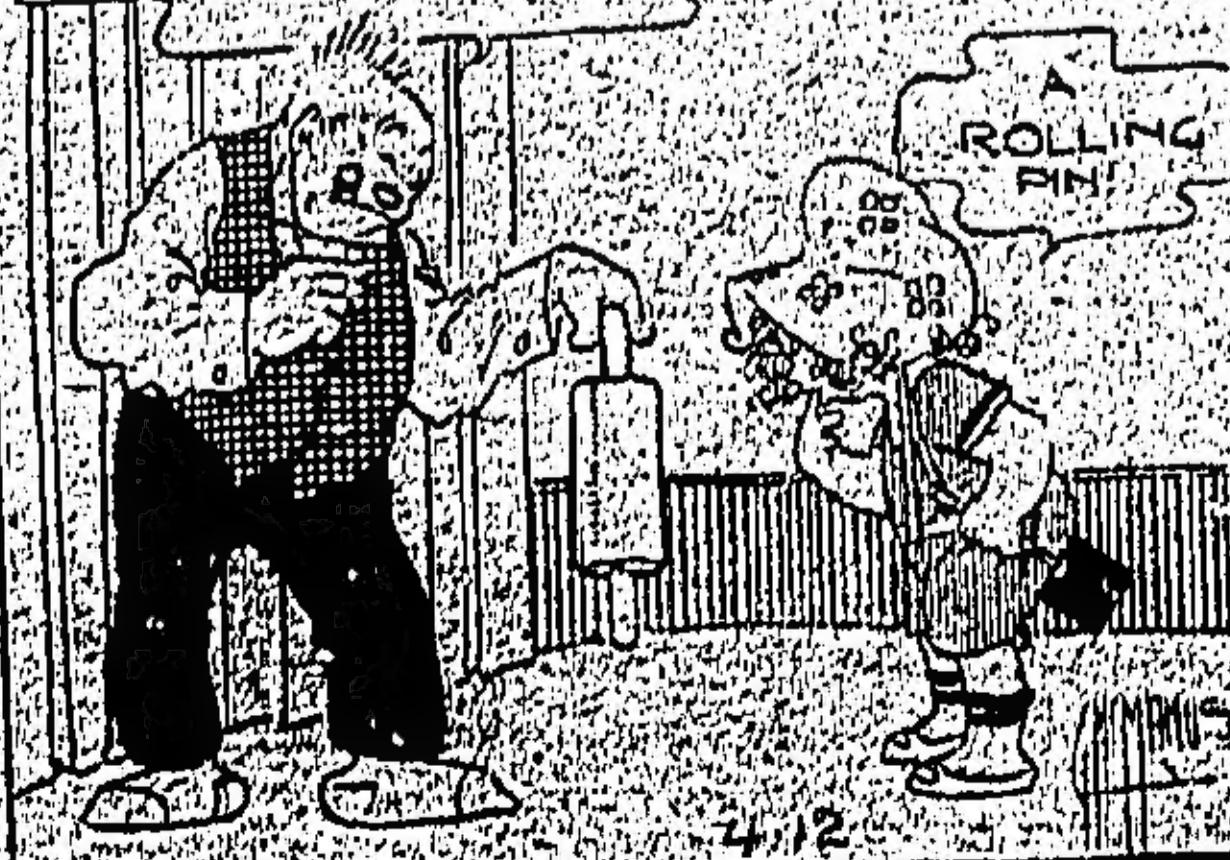


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Group taken last Saturday after the wedding at St. Peter's Church, of Mr. George William Miller and Miss Ella Lawton. The Rev. H. Copley Mayo officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. G. Van Bergen. Her dress was a one-piece white crope de chine dress trimmed with rosettes. The Misses Anna and Eva Thomas were the bridesmaids and Mr. J. Kent was "best man."



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Mr. Li Kwok-kun of Messrs. Woo Brothers and his bride, Miss Ip Pui-kun, who were married at the Hongkong Hotel last week.

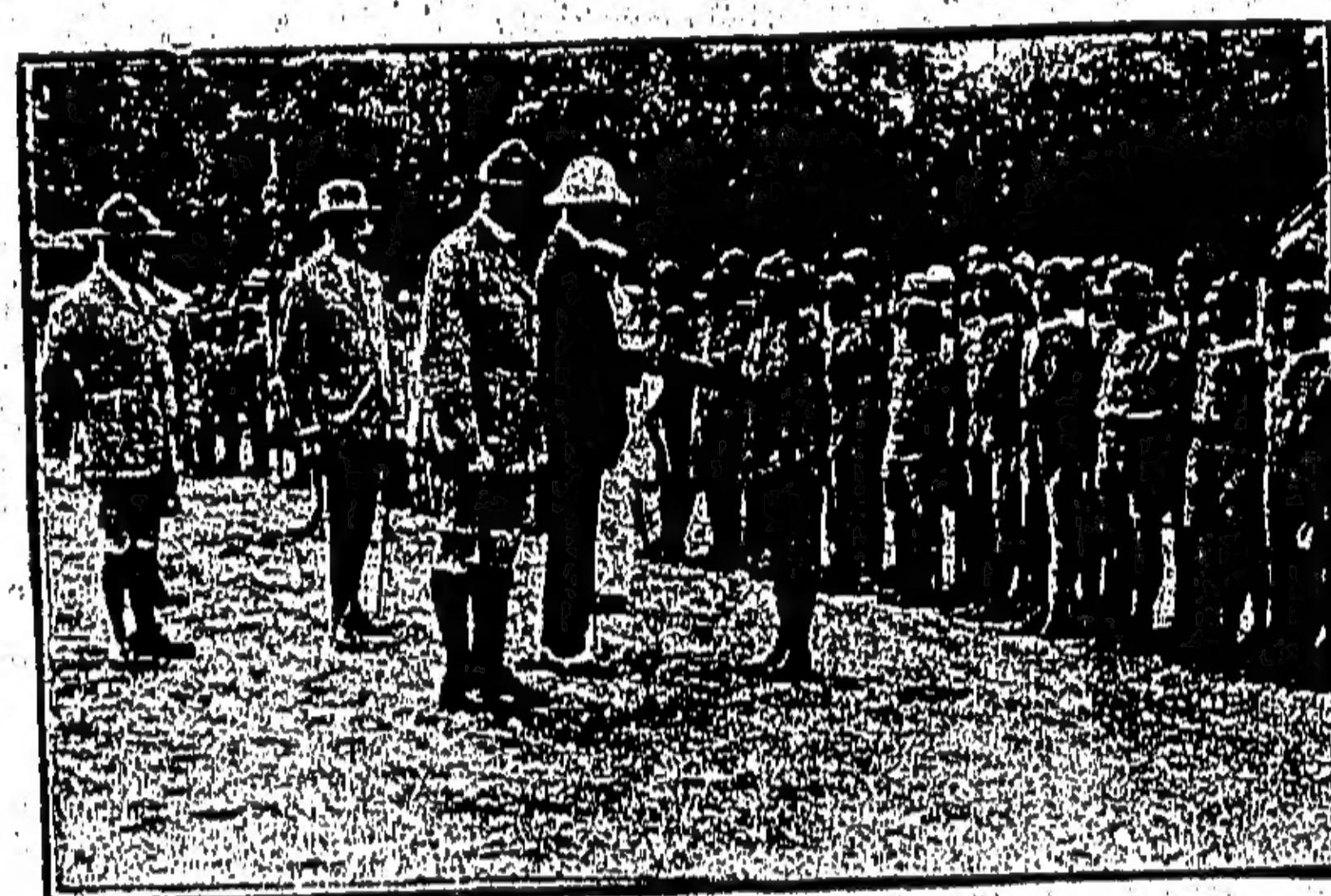


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H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) at last week's Scout Rally. Next to H.E. are the Rev. G. T. Walgrave (Commissioner and Deputy Camp Chief), Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin and Lt.-Col. Robertson.

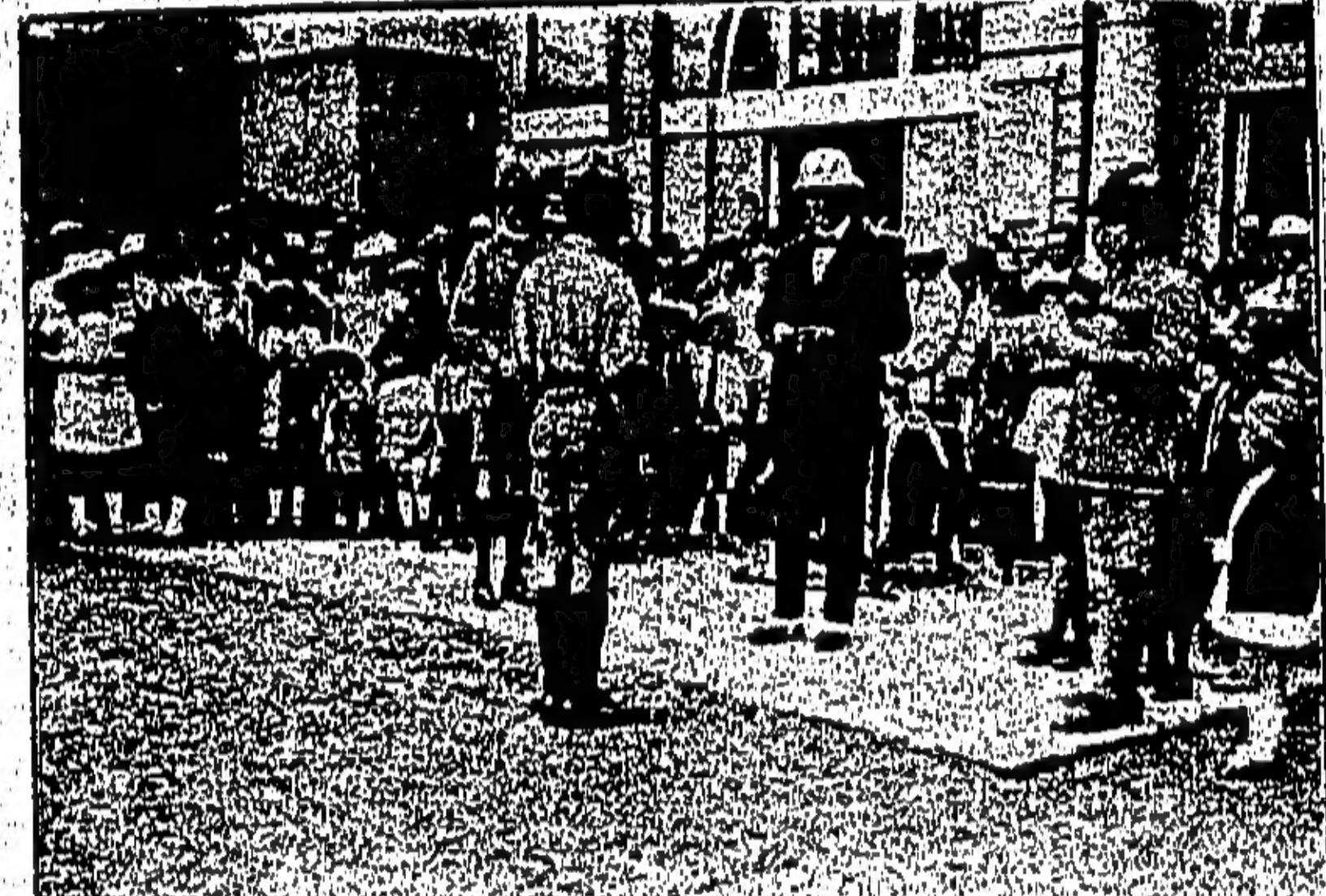


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Scout Master H. Bragg receiving the silver medal and certificate from the Chief Scout, for rescuing a girl at the Po Hing Fung disaster. Some of the spectators are in the background.



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Highland dancing by one of the troops of Scottish boys, an item in the programme of displays.



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On the right are Sir Cecil, Lady and Miss Clementi watching the display, with Girl Guides further back.



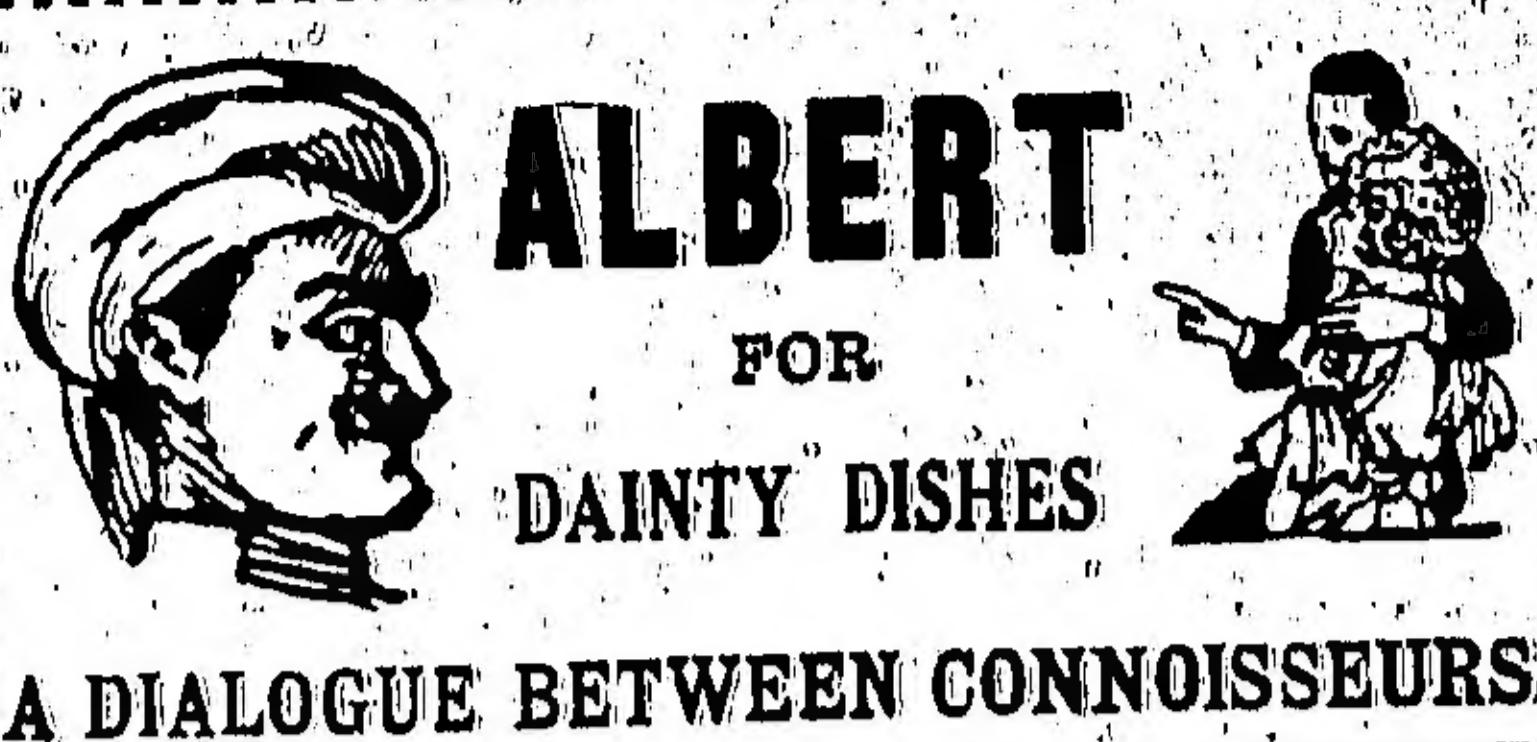
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We were going along the canal bordered with a row of wonderful trees which Abd-el-Hamid tells me are banyan trees. The trunks are almost hidden beneath a defence of boughs or shoots which have grown downward to the ground in such numbers that they resemble a cave of stalactites or some compressed Gothic cathedral.

Through an avenue of these I suddenly saw spread out to dry along the vivid green further bank of the canal yards and yards of washing of a most wonderful mauve, reminding me of the Mitcham lavender beds. So charming was I with the sight that I hardly noticed the goal of our trip in the distance; besides, I had already seen a similar view of the Pyramids the previous night under much better conditions—when they were shrouded in the tawny cloak of the sunset.

Another Redempting Feature.

The other redeeming feature of the journey was the crossing the Abbass N. bridge. As a bridge, Cairo can show better efforts, but from them one does not "see" the Nile wandering between an expanse of mud flats like the "Sire of Tura."

The gray waters of the river, the white sails of the feluccas, the gray-and-white clouds, as if escaped from a painting by Sisley, admiring themselves in the brown mud, all made a picture not easily to be forgotten. But although it was very nice in its way, Abbass bridge was not what we had met at such an early hour to see, and our response to its meager beauties was not as enthusiastic as it might have been on a more ordinary occasion.

It was perhaps twenty minutes later, and I was pensively contemplating the depressing flatness which is the Nile valley and the grayish yellow sand hills standing guard over the desert, mottled with purple shadows from passing clouds, when I was aroused by that general movement which in a public conveyance denotes arrival at the terminus.

Quite by chance I looked out of the left-hand window, and was amply rewarded for the dullness and the length of our journey. I saw bounding the bright clover green of the Mena golf links a cliff of sand, and on top of that another cliff of stone towering up into the sky and entirely dwarfing a swarm of minute human beings promenading about its base. That is why I recommend the right side of the tram.

Keep Your Eyes Shut.

After that, if I had been forewarned, I should have shut my eyes tight and kept a firm clutch of Abd-el-Hamid's hand; and that is what I beseech you to do when you go, for the descent from the tram brings one back again to earth

with a heavy thud. The tram station is surrounded by digomans in countless hordes, who with camels and donkeys on their own unaided, eloquence to recommend them, swarm around, one like bar-room hunters around a remnant counter.

As we were there a motor arrived with a small party which in an instant was besieged by no less than twenty of them. Forcing our way through their ranks and passing a tea garden, and a photographer's place (Bacchus costumes can be supplied to ladies and gentlemen, you will be glad to know) and a shop to buy cards, and a garage (really, one might just as well be going onto Brighton Pier), we came, still harassed by guides, to a long sloping road down which motorists were scorching. When this also had been surmounted we had arrived.

At first I was disappointed, not by the Pyramids themselves, but by their surroundings. There is a sandy piece of ground with bits of paper and orange peel blowing about on it, and motor cars parked, and policemen, and small boys kicking a football about, and trampers, and a light railway for the excavations which are constantly going on.

It is all so crude and prosaic that for a moment one's heart sinks, but only for a moment, for when one gets beyond that and comes to the Pyramids themselves all is well again. The photographs on which we have all been brought are old friends; like Bottom the up from infancy incline us to look upon them as old friends, but they are weaver, most strangely translated.

Instead of the triangle sticking up behind a man on a praying rug, and a camel to which we are used, there is a mighty cliff pointing to the clouds and the intense sky, while tiny ants run hither and thither about its base. A few feet from the ground a crowd of insignificant specks turns out to be a party of tourists going to visit the inside, the official entrance, which completely dwarfs them, spreads its great triangle fifty feet above their heads. We turn aside and begin to walk round, feeling

the sand are about three feet six inches high, not in theory a difficult height but in practice and in large quantities a rather tiring one; we stopped about twenty feet up, sat down and gave ourselves up to meditation.

What Abd-el-Hamid thought about I don't know. I thought of all sorts of things: of the complex structure of temples and causeways which used to spread its net about the base of the Pyramid, itself only a detail of a great and proud ensemble; of the smaller efforts of the court noblemen at our feet, and of the captive Crusaders who were forced to pull them down to provide material for the new citadel of Saladin; of the desire for gold of Sultan Al Ma'moun, who, hoping to find some in the Pyramids, pulled off their casing.

I was awakened from my reverie by piercing screams. Some boys from a government school were spending their time going for rides on the gorgeously caparisoned camels which take the place of donkeys at this resort, and their enjoyment, unlike mine, was quite unaffected by the thought of the 20,000 men toiling under their overseers at the bidding of King Cheops, who all unknowing worked it, one of the seven wonders of the world—M. J. in "Christian Science Monitor."

"I should define 'luck' as: A word invented by failures to account for other men's success."—Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter.

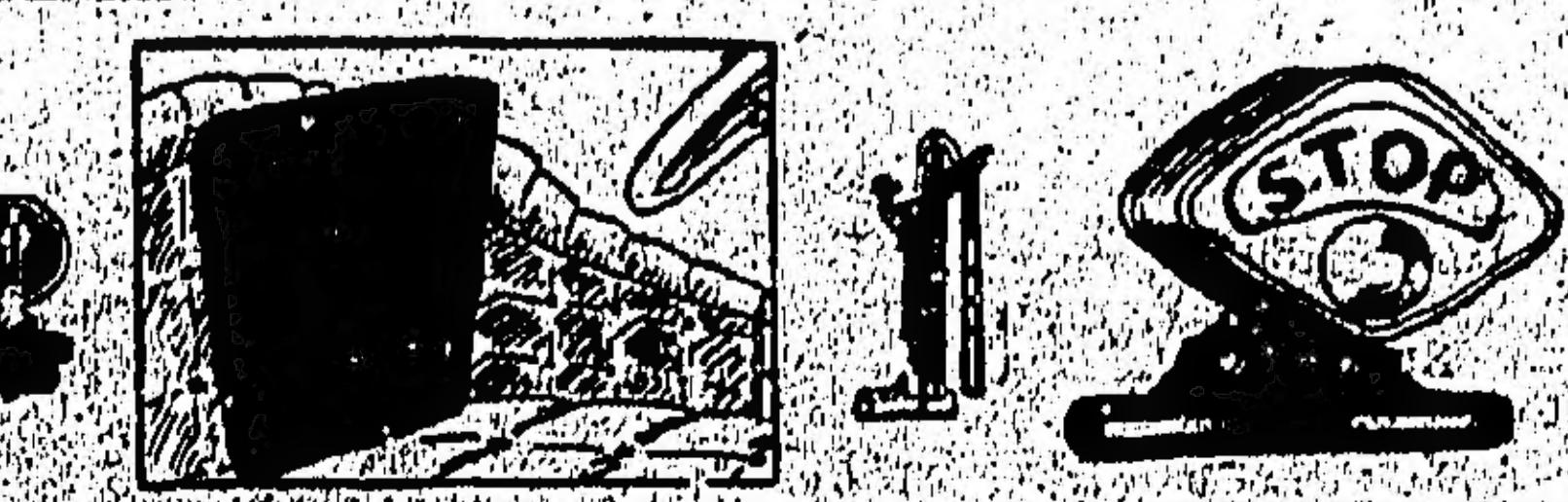
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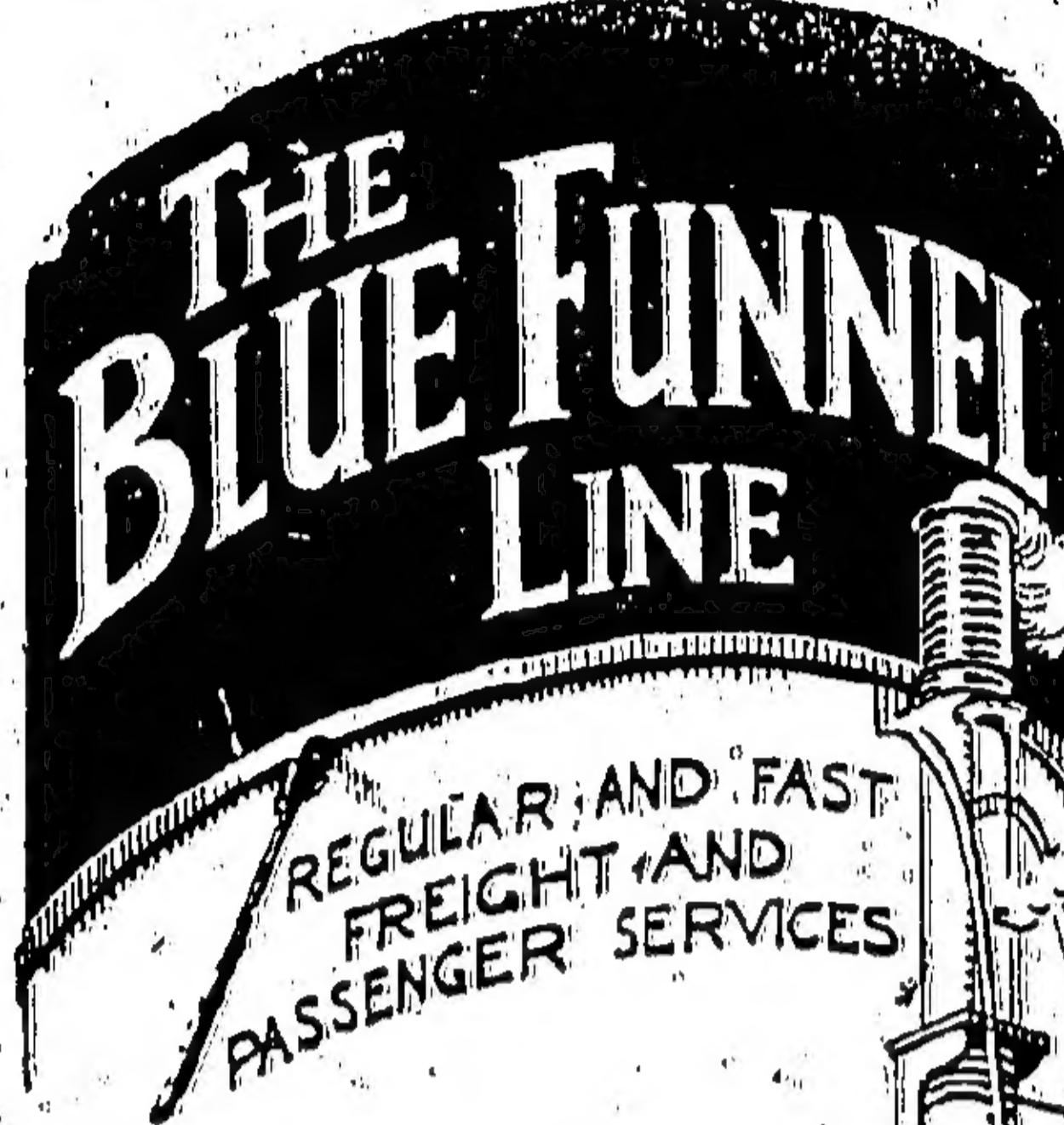
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